

Remarks:

Claims 1 to 39 are now in the application. Claims 22 to 39 have been added.

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to add method claims. The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

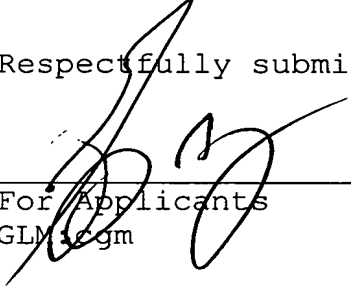
An early action on the merits of the application is solicited.

The fee for four (4) additional independent claims in excess of three (3) in the amount of **\$344.00** and for nineteen (19) additional claims in excess of twenty (20) in the amount of **\$342.00** in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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